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SUBJECT: LEONHARDY KIDNAPPING: PRESS COVERAGE FRIDAY, MAY 11.

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1. SOME MEXICO CITY DAILIES GAVE BRIEF MOSTELY ERRONEOUS COVERAGE ON INSIDE PAGES TO LEONHARDY KINAPPING ON MAY 11. EL HERALDO NOTED THAT LEONHARDY LEFT GUADALAJARA BY AIRPLANE AFTER-NOON OF MAY 10 FOR MEXICO CITY, WHENCE HE WILL PROCEED TO WASH-INGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH AUTHORITIES FOLLOWED BY A VACATION IN THE U. S. EL NACIONAL REPORTED THE SAME INFORMATION.

2. EL HERALDO ALSO STATED THAT THE ATTORNEY GERNERAL OF JALISCO HAD SAID THAT NOT ONLY DID LEONHARDY NOT APPEAR BEFORE THE AUTHOR-ITIES BUT ALSO HE FAILED TO ARRANGE FOR A VISIT TO HIS HOME BY AN AGENT OF THE LOCAL POLICE. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO COMMENTED THAT THE " JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE US DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN GUADALAJARA" HAS NOT YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENT. EL HERALDO DESCRIBED
THE EFFECT OF THIS FAILURE TO COOPERATE AS HQRMFUL TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE KIDNAPPING. AS STATED IN REFTEL, GUADALA-JARA INFORMED US THAT LEONHARDY MADE STATEMENT ON MAY 10.

3. COMMENT: WHETHER THE NEWS MEDIA BASED THEIR REPORTS ABOUT LEONHARDY' S TRAVELS ON THEIR INTERPRETATIONS OF RELEASES FROM THE
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CONSULATE GENERAL IN GUADALJARA OR WHETHER THEY USED THEIR IMAGINATION TO GET SOMETHING FOR A STORY, THE FACT REMAINS THAT THIS INFORMATION AS PUBLISHED IS ERRONEOUS BUT SERVES OUR PURPOSES IN NOT REVEALING THE REAL WHEREABOUTS OF THE LEONHARDYS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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